

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**  
 IPC 7 A47G7/06 G07F13/10

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**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
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**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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1. claims: 1-5

Flower vase dispensing device and assembly, method for placing a number of flowers in a vase using the device or assembly  
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2. claims: 6-13

Flower vase comprising water-based ink and method for placing flowers in such a vase  
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